

# HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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## WORK PROGRAMME

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### Summary

This report advises Members of the current work programme for discussion in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances, giving Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities.

#### 1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, Part 4 paragraph 21.1 (xv) General Terms of Reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the existing work programme for the Committee.

#### 3. Agenda Planning Meeting

3.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. An agenda planning meeting was held on 27 September. In view of correspondence that had been received from NHS Swale Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to the Swale Urgent Care Programme, it was agreed to recommend to the Committee that a briefing note be requested with a view to a report being presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

3.2 There was discussion about when reports, currently listed on the work programme with no date proposed for their consideration, should be brought forward. It was agreed to recommend that the Work Programme be updated for these reports to be considered as follows:

- Primary Care Networks – information on this be included as part of update (see 3.3) on the establishment of a single Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group.
- South East Coast Ambulance Service Trust Update – January 2020

- All Age Eating Disorder Service Update – March 2020
- Social Isolation Task Group Update – March 2020

3.3 It was also agreed to recommend that a further update on the proposed establishment of a single Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group be added to the Work Programme for the December 2019 meeting.

#### **4. DMC GP Surgeries in Gillingham and Chatham**

4.1 At its August 2018 meeting, the Committee determined that proposals to merge GP contracts and amalgamate five GP surgeries (Sunlight Centre, St Mary's Island, Boots Pentagon, Twydall and Balmoral Gardens) onto three sites did amount to a substantial change or variation to the health service in Medway.

4.2 At the October 2018 meeting, the Committee welcomed the decision made by Medway NHS Clinical Commissioning Group to reprocure services at all five GP surgeries. DMC Healthcare became the provider of these services from 1 April 2019.

4.3 The Committee was also informed at the October 2018 meeting that any changes to GP provision at the five sites would not take place until at least April 2020 and an undertaking was given that NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group would continue to update the Committee at regular intervals throughout the process. This would include details of further public engagement / consultation to be undertaken ahead of any decision being taken to reduce the number of GP surgeries.

4.4 The Chairman of the Committee has recently received details of a number of patient concerns, mainly relating to the service being provided at these five GP surgeries. While the Committee cannot deal with individual patient complaints, it is able to ask the CCG for a response if patient experience suggests acceptable standards of patient care are not being met.

4.5 In view of the concerns raised, and that it has been 12 months since the proposals relating to these surgeries were last discussed by the Committee, the Chairman would like to request that the CCG presents a report to the December meeting of the Committee. This would include an update on the timescales for consultation with the Committee on any proposed changes to GP services and details of the outcome of any CCG investigations into complaints it has received about GP services across the five sites, including problems with prescriptions and GP access.

#### **5. STP Briefing on NHS Local Five Year Plan**

5.1 A Member Briefing has been arranged in relation to the Kent and Medway Five Year Plan. In response to the NHS Long Term Plan published in January 2019, the Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) are required to develop a five-year plan that sets out how to bring the ambitions of the Long Term Plan to life in Kent and Medway. The briefing session will provide Members with an overview of the whole plan and will then focus on parts of the plan concerned with developing primary and community care and personalised care services.

- 5.2 This briefing will be of particular interest to the Committee as a report on the Kent and Medway Five Year Plan is due to be considered by the Committee at its December 2019 meeting. The briefing is due to be held on 29 October 2019 at 6:30pm in Meeting Room 9 and all Members of the Committee are encouraged to attend.
- 5.3 The Plan is due to be submitted to NHS England in early November, which is ahead of consideration by this Committee. The Kent and Medway STP has advised that there will still be an opportunity for comments to be taken into account after submission to NHS England. Notwithstanding this, it is recommended that the Committee agrees that a written summary of Member comments made at the briefing session be sent to the STP.

## **6. Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

- 6.1 A meeting of the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee took place on 10 September 2019. The meeting received updates on Kent and Medway Vascular Services review and on the Assistive Reproductive Technologies (ART) Policy Review.
- 6.2 The NHS representatives advised that it was anticipated that a vascular services hub at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital would be operational from spring 2020. A non-arterial centre would be based at Medway Maritime Hospital. The changes would result in the majority of Kent and Medway patients being treated in Canterbury.
- 6.3 Concerns had previously been raised to the Committee that Kent and Canterbury Hospital did not have an Accident and Emergency Department. The Committee was advised that having an A&E was not a prerequisite and that the existence of other services at Canterbury, such as an intensive care unit, theatre, and renal dialysis, were more important. A review undertaken in January 2019 had also found there to be no safety concerns in relation to on-site support.
- 6.4 The Committee made a number of requests for further information to be provided at its next meeting, including an update on engagement / consultation activity undertaken. It is expected that this meeting will take place in late November / December.
- 6.5 In relation to the Assistive Reproductive Technologies (ART) Policy Review, it was explained that the consultation previously discussed with the Committee was on hold. The IVF offer remained unchanged and was the same across Kent and Medway.

## **7. Forward Plan**

- 7.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 23 September 2019.
- 7.2 The following items listed on the forward plan relate to the terms of reference of this Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it may wish to consider as pre-decision scrutiny (where dates permit).

<b>Cabinet date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Comment</b>
19 November 2019	<p><b>Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2020/21</b></p> <p><i>This report will provide details of the initial budget proposals for 2020/21 prior to consideration by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</i></p>	On Work Programme for December 2019 meeting
19 November 2019	<p><b>Council Plan Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 2 2019/20</b></p> <p><i>This report will provide details of Quarter 2 performance for 2019/20 against the priorities set out in the Council Plan and will bring forward the latest risk management review.</i></p>	On Work Programme for December 2019 meeting
17 December 2019	<p><b>Annual Public Health Report</b></p> <p><i>This report will set out details of the Annual Public Health Report following consideration by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 October 2019 and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 5 November 2019.</i></p>	On Work Programme for October 2019 meeting
17 December 2019	<p><b>Medway Joint Adult Learning Disability Strategy</b></p> <p><i>This report will set out the Medway Joint Adult Learning Disability Strategy for consideration and approval.</i></p>	On agenda for this Committee meeting
14 January 2019	<p><b>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Medway Integrated Community Equipment Service</b></p> <p><i>This report will set out the outcome of the tender process and evaluation for the award of the contract for the Medway Integrated Community Equipment Service. This Gateway 3 report will be submitted to Cabinet after review and discussion at Procurement Board.</i></p>	

## 8. Financial and Legal Implications

8.1 There are no specific financial or legal implications arising from this report.

## **9. Recommendations**

9.1 The Committee is requested to:

- a) Consider whether any changes need to be made to the work programme attached at Appendix 1.
- b) Agree the changes to the Committee's work programme, as set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, including the addition of a report in relation to the DMC Healthcare GP surgeries in Gillingham and Chatham.
- c) Agree that a written summary of comments made by Members of the Committee at the briefing session on 29 October, in relation to the Kent and Kent and Medway NHS Five Year Plan, be sent to the Kent and Medway STP.

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### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 - The Committee's Work Programme

### **Background papers**

None.